



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20436

September 30, 2019

Ms. Emma Best
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DEPT MR 74411
411A Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Re: USITC Freedom of Information Act Request 19-23

Dear Ms. Best:

This concerns your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received June 5, 2019, in which you requested documents “mentioning or relating to Anonymous (the hacker movement/collective, see below) or hacktivism (defined as hacking as a form of protest and/or activism) generated between January 1, 2009 and January 1, 2019, including but not limited to:

- Internal reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to Anonymous or hacktivism;
- Reports from the appropriate IT (Information Technology) or computer offices regarding possible cyber attacks by Anonymous or other hacktivists;
- Reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to or mentioning Anonymous or hacktivism sent to or received from any federal law enforcement or intelligence agencies or any fusion center;
- Incident reports investigating possible hacking activity falling within the office's jurisdiction and allegedly carried out by members of Anonymous or other hacktivist groups;
- Materials generated as a result of any suspected or actual compromise, breach or ‘dox’ (revealing of personal or private information) by Anonymous or other hacktivists”.

On July 3, 2019, we sent you correspondence extending the time period for response by an additional 10 working days to July 18, 2019, in accordance 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). Specifically, we extended the period to respond to your FOIA request due to the need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine voluminous amounts of separate and distinct records, and the need for consultation with two or more components of the USITC that have a substantial subject-matter interest in the request. On July 18, 2019, we sent you correspondence extending the time period for response by additional 30 working days to August 30, 2019, for the same reasons stated in the

July 3, 2019 correspondence. On August 30, 2019, we sent you correspondence extending the time period for response by additional 20 working days to September 30, 2019, for the same reasons stated in the July 3, 2019 correspondence.

We have found documents responsive to your request. I have determined that the documents shall be withheld in full pursuant to Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and Exemption 7(e) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(e). Exemption 5 pertains to information that is subject to privilege. Exemption 7(e) protects from disclosure "records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes", the release of which would disclose techniques or procedures for law enforcement investigations or procedures. The records being withheld include 19 pages of documents, as well as data extraction files not disposed to pagination.

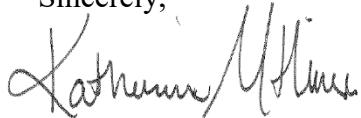
Therefore, your FOIA request is denied.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request, you may file an administrative appeal. If you decide to do so, your appeal must be received within 90 days of the date of this letter. It should be addressed to the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, and clearly indicate both on the envelope and in the letter that it is a "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." It should clearly state the grounds upon which you believe this denial of access to be in error. For further information on appeal procedures, see 19 CFR 201.18, attached.

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740; E-mail: ogis@nara.gov Telephone: 202-741-5770; Fax: 202-741-5769; Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448.

If you have any questions, need assistance, or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please feel free to call Sharon Bellamy (our FOIA Public Liaison) Sharon.Bellamy@usitc.gov or me at 202-205-2595.

Sincerely,



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